

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of April 12, 2004.

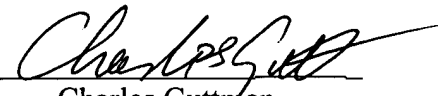
Please proceed to examine this application on the basis of the "Amendment to the claims" section submitted herein and on the basis of the remarks presented in the Amendment filed on March 31, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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